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Subject:

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Yubo Miao et al.

MULTI-WELL PLASTIC CHIP WITH
SHALLOW WELL FOR MULTICHAMBER
THERMAL MULTIPLEXING

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation
In An Application.

The following Patents and/or Publications are submitted to
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U.S. Patent 5,646,039 to Northrup et al., "Microfabricated Reactor," discloses an integrated microfabricated instrument for manipulation, reaction and detection of microliter to picoliter samples.

U.S. Patent 5,939,312 to Baier et al., "Miniaturized Multi-Chamber Thermocycler," discloses a miniaturized multi-chamber thermocycler which provides a thermocycler which is easy to handle, and permits the treatment of great numbers of samples of small sample volumes at high temperature changing rates and at low heating powers.

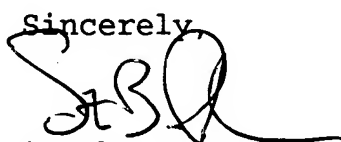
European Patent Application EP 1 000 661 A1 to Alexandre Tretiakov, "Ultrathin-walled multiwell plate for heat block thermocycling," discusses ultrathin-walled multiwell reactors for heat block thermocycling of samples comprising an array of small-volume wells of identical height with similarly shaped sample wells formed in the top surface of the heat block of the thermocycler.

International Patent Publication WO 02/40158 A2 to Richard Icke et al., "Reaction Plate," discusses a reaction plate, a method of manufacture thereof, and an automated reaction plate processing apparatus.

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U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0072096 A1, to O'Keefe et al., "Apparatus and Methods for Parallel Processing of Micro-Volume Liquid Reactions," discloses apparatuses and method for conducting multiple simultaneous micro-volume chemical and bio-chemical reactions in an array format.

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